

11 March 1975

Honorable Melvin Price, Chairman  
Committee on Armed Services  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request for our views and recommendations on H. Res. 72. This resolution directs the President to provide the House of Representatives with the information regarding CIA domestic activities contained in my report of 24 December 1974. That report has been referred by the President to the Commission on CIA Activities Within the United States, and any decision to release it must come from the President or the Commission.

It is my belief that the underlying purpose of H. Res. 72, to insure that an appropriate body of the House reviews the record of CIA's domestic activities, has already been met without the release of this report. As you know, the House voted on 19 February to establish a Select Committee on Intelligence. The Select Committee is authorized to conduct an inquiry into "... allegations of illegal or improper activities of intelligence agencies in the United States and abroad." This vote expressed the belief of the Members of the House that these charges can best be investigated by a select committee established solely for this purpose. I have assured the Chairman and the Ranking Minority Member of the Select Committee of my intent to cooperate by providing the Committee with the appropriate information.

The Office of Management and Budget advises there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

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W. E. Colby  
Director

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